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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 79-page patent specification including 50 claims and an abstract. Also included is Figure 1 on 1 sheet. The specification and drawings constitute the application of David V. Sangar and Stanley M. Lemon for the captioned invention.

Also transmitted herewith is a diskette containing the computer-readable form of those sequences in the specification, a Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), and a separate paper copy of the sequence listing.

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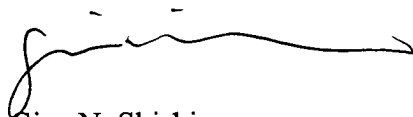
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